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## MGCB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RICK KALM REAPPOINTED

On Wednesday, May 22, 2013, the Michigan Senate voted unanimously to affirm Governor Snyder's reappointment of current Michigan Gaming Control Board ("MGCB") Executive Director Richard S. Kalm. Mr. Kalm's new term officially began on June 3, 2013 and expires June 2, 2019.

In an interview with *The Michigan Gaming Newsletter*, Mr. Kalm noted the goal of ensuring integrity across a diverse gaming jurisdiction. "I was humbled and honored to have the opportunity to serve the state of Michigan for a second term as the Executive Director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board. During my first term, which covered the last six years, the agency has sought to establish a regulatory system that ensures the fairness of commercial casino gaming in Detroit. In addition, the agency has also been charged with overseeing Horse Racing and Michigan's millionaire party charitable gaming licensing, along with monitoring



MGCB Executive Director Mr. Richard Kalm

compliance of the various Native American tribal casino compacts Statewide. With these additional duties however the agency Mission has remained the same as we apply it to the different forms of gaming. That is to ensure the conduct of fair and honest gaming to protect the interest of the citizens of Michigan."

Mr. Kalm was initially appointed as Executive Director by former Governor Jennifer Granholm on March 29, 2007 and has served in the position since. He was recently quoted in a *Global Gaming Business Magazine* op-ed piece authored by AGA President and CEO Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., noting that Mr. Kalm had led several regulatory changes to decrease burdens on

licensed businesses while maintaining the oversight necessary to ensure that the industry operates with the utmost integrity. These efforts have included increasing the vendor registration threshold for non-gaming vendors from \$5,000 to \$15,000, increasing utilization of "shelf approvals" for debt approvals, and acceptance of the Multijurisdictional Personal History Disclosure Form, a universal individual licensing form used across several gaming jurisdictions.

Mr. Kalm was formerly the chief of staff for the Macomb County Sherriff's office and a long-time law enforcement official in several capacities. He holds an associate's degree in law enforcement and a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and is also a graduate of the Michigan State Leadership Academy and F.B.I. National Academy in Qauntico, Virginia.